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The Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Sir,

You may remember that some five or six years ago you were kind enough to send me some ribbon-cuttings of various United States decorations, and in consequence of this I was privileged to make the acquaintance of General D.W.C. Falls, who corresponded with me regularly until his death a few months ago.

I should like to say how much I shall miss his letters and the help he gave me, and your Society will have lost a most enthusiastic member.

I venture to write to you again to make one or two enquiries, and if you should have time to answer them I shall be very much obliged.

me what to do about it
I think I remember hearing that a Committee of the ANS was working on a monograph on similar lines to the one for South American decorations but devoted to Central America. Has anything further been done? If the book has not yet been published is there any chance of getting hold of the names of the decorations noted, and their ribbon-colours?

Send ephemeral decorations?
General Falls gave me one or two details of the ribbons of some very old and transitory states. Can you supplement them, please? They were - Counani, Araucania, Empire of the Sahara, Sedang.

asking descriptions
He also mentioned that the USA were considering some new medals. Has anything come of this?

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I have received a large number of ribbons from China just recently. About 30 of them, however, were unidentifiable. Can you give me details of any modern ribbons you have which might enable me to match them up?

I am also in search of a piece of ribbon (1 inch) for the American Red Cross Society Gold Medal - red with blue edges and a white

stripe between red and blue.

If there is any manner in which I can assist you please let me know. My collection now numbers about 3,250 and is, I should think, about the most complete in the world.

Have you correspondents in any of the South American countries who might be able to help me?

Yours faithfully,

St. Smille.

December 18, 1937

Mr. F. Guille, Esq.
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Dear Sir:

Your favor of the sixth instant at hand. I will do my best to answer the various questions in your letter.

The Monograph on South American coins has never been wholly completed. Parts of it are in our hands and I cannot say wither it will ever be published.

We are sending you a copy of "Ephemeral Decorations" by Mr. Billingham which will answer the various questions you ask concerning the ribbons of the transitory states. The last medal the United States issued was for service on the Yangtze. I am also enclosing a few action ribbons which we happen to have and the descriptions of all other ribbons, ~~also~~ sample of first ribbon of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

We cannot help you out on the ribbon from China. We have a few of these decorations but have been able to learn next to nothing about them. All of the ribbons we have seen of the American Red Cross are either a deep blue or purple. We will try to find out more about these.

The past few years there has been no one here who has taken a special interest in decorations so that we at the present time are somewhat behind in Ancient Orders and so forth.

Yours faithfully,

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